

**D.10 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Policy and Obligation:**

This provision D.10 does not apply.

**D.11 Tennessee Department of Transportation Debarment and Suspension:**

- a) In accordance with the Tennessee Department of Transportation regulations governing contractor Debarment and Suspension, Chapter 1680-5-1, the Agency shall not permit any suspended, debarred or excluded business organizations or individual persons appearing on the Tennessee Department of Transportation Excluded Parties List to participate or act as a principal of any participant in any covered transaction related to this Project. Covered transactions include submitting a bid or proposal, entering into an agreement, or participating at any level as a subcontractor.

**D.12 Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion (applies to federal aid projects):**

- a) **Instructions for Certification - Primary Covered Transactions:**

**By signing and submitting this Agreement, the Agency is providing the certification set out below.**

- 1) The inability of a person to provide the certification set out below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The Agency shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the Department's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the Agency to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such a person from participation in this transaction.
- 2) The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the Department determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the Agency knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the Department may terminate this transaction for cause or default.
- 3) The Agency shall provide immediate written notice to the Department if at any time the Agency learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- 4) The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in

this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the Department for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

- 5) The Agency agrees by entering into this Agreement that it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the Department.
- 6) The Agency further agrees by entering into this Agreement that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the Department, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
- 7) An Agency may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Non-procurement portion of the "Lists of Parties Excluded From Federal Procurement or Non-procurement Programs" (Non-procurement List) which is compiled by the General Services Administration.
- 8) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- 9) Except for transactions authorized under these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the Department may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

**b) Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion--Primary Covered Transactions:**

**The prospective participant in a covered transaction certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:**



- 1) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal, State or local department or agency;
- 2) Have not within a 3-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or agreement under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- 3) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in this certification; and
- 4) Have not within a 3-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.
- 5) Where the prospective participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

#### **D.13 Equal Employment Opportunity:**

- a) In connection with the performance of any Project, the Agency shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, age, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability or marital status. The Agency will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, age, religion, color, gender, national origin, disability or marital status. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
- b) The Agency shall insert the foregoing provision in all agreements modified only to show the particular contractual relationship in all its agreements in connection with the development of operation of the Project, except agreements for the standard commercial supplies or raw materials, and shall require all such contractors to insert a similar provision in all subcontracts, except subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials. When the Project involves installation, construction, demolition, removal, site improvement, or similar work, the Agency shall post, in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment for Project work, notices to be provided by the Department setting forth the provisions of the nondiscrimination clause.



**D.14 Title VI – Civil Rights Act of 1964:**

- a) The Agency shall comply with all the requirements imposed by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d), 49 C.F.R., Part 21, and related statutes and regulations. The Agency shall include provisions in all agreements with third parties that ensure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 49 C.F.R., Part 21, and related statutes and regulations.

**D.15 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA):**

- a) The Agency will comply with all the requirements as imposed by the ADA and the regulations of the federal government issued thereunder.

**D.16 Conflicts of Interest:**

- a) The Agency warrants that no amount shall be paid directly or indirectly to an employee or official of the State of Tennessee as wages, compensation, or gifts in exchange for acting as an officer, agent, employee, subcontractor, or consultant to the Agency in connection with any work contemplated or performed relative to this Agreement.
- b) The Agency shall insert in all agreements entered into in connection with the Project or any property included or planned to be included in any Project, and shall require its contractors to insert in each of its subcontracts, the following provision:
  - 1) "No amount shall be paid directly or indirectly to an employee or official of the State of Tennessee as wages, compensation, or gifts in exchange for acting as an officer, agent, employee, subcontractor, or consultant to the Agency in connection with any work contemplated or performed relative to this Agreement."

**D.17 Interest of Members of or Delegates to, Congress (applies to federal aid projects):**

- a) No member of or delegate to the Congress of the United States shall be admitted to any share or part of the Agreement or any benefit arising therefrom.

**D.18 Restrictions on Lobbying (applies to federal aid projects):**

The Agency certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that:

- a) No federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the Agency, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal agreement, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, and entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension,



continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal agreement, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

- b) If any funds other than federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the Agency shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- c) The Agency shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including sub-grants, subcontracts, and agreements under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients of federally appropriated funds shall certify and disclose accordingly.

#### **D.19 Records:**

- a) The Agency shall maintain documentation for all charges against the Department under this Agreement. All costs charged to the Project, including any approved services contributed by the Agency or others, shall be supported by properly executed payrolls, time records, invoices, agreements or vouchers evidencing in proper detail and in a form acceptable to the Department the nature and propriety of the charges. The books, records, and documents of the Agency, insofar as they relate to work performed or money received under this Agreement, shall be maintained and made available upon request to the Department at all times during the period of this Agreement and for at least three (3) years after final payment is made.
- b) Copies of these documents and records shall be furnished to the Department, the Comptroller of the Treasury, or their duly appointed representatives, upon request. Records of costs incurred includes the Agency's general accounting records and the Project records, together with supporting documents and records, of the Agency and all subcontractors performing work on the Project and all other records of the Agency and subcontractors considered necessary by the Department for a proper audit of costs. If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the three (3) year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved.
- c) The aforesaid requirements to make records available to the Department shall be a continuing obligation of the Agency and shall survive a termination of the Agreement.

#### **D.20 Inspection:**

- a) The Agency shall permit, and shall require its contractor, subcontractor or materials vendor to permit, the Department's authorized representatives and authorized



agents of the Federal Highway Administration to inspect all work, workmanship, materials, payrolls, records and to audit the books, records and accounts pertaining to the financing and development of the Project.

- b) The Department reserves the right to terminate this Agreement for refusal by the Agency or any contractor, subcontractor or materials vendor to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters or other material made or received in conjunction with this Agreement.

#### **D.21 Annual Report and Audit:**

- a) In the event that an Agency expends \$500,000 or more in federal awards in its fiscal year, the Agency must have a single or program specific audit conducted in accordance with the United States Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133.
- b) All books of account and financial records shall be subject to annual audit by the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury or the Comptroller's duly appointed representative. When an audit is required, the Agency may, with the prior approval of the Comptroller, engage a licensed independent public accountant to perform the audit. The audit agreement between the Agency and the licensed independent public accountant shall be on an agreement form prescribed by the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury. Any such audit shall be performed in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards, the provisions of OMB Circular A-133, if applicable, and the Audit Manual for Governmental Units and Recipients of Grant Funds published by the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury.
- c) The Agency shall be responsible for reimbursement of the cost of the audit prepared by the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury, and payment of fees for the audit prepared by the licensed independent public accountant. Payment of the audit fees of the licensed independent public accountant by the Agency shall be subject to the provisions relating to such fees contained in the prescribed agreement form noted above. Copies of such audits shall be provided to the designated cognizant state agency, the Department, the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury, and the Department of Finance and Administration and shall be made available to the public.

#### **D.22 Termination for Convenience:**

- a) The Department may terminate this agreement without cause for any reason. Said termination shall not be deemed a breach of agreement by the Department. The Department shall give the Agency at least thirty (30) days written notice before the effective termination date. The Agency shall be entitled to compensation for authorized expenditures and satisfactory services completed as of the termination date, but in no event shall the Department be liable to the Agency for



compensation for any service which has not been rendered. The final decision as to the amount for which the Department is liable shall be determined by the Department. Should the Department exercise this provision, the Agency shall not have any right to any actual general, special, incidental, consequential, or any other damages whatsoever of any description or amount.

**D.23 Termination for Cause:**

- a) If the Agency fails to properly perform its obligations under this Agreement in a timely or proper manner, or if the Agency violates any terms of this Agreement, the Department shall have the right to immediately terminate the Agreement and withhold payments in excess of fair compensation for completed services. Notwithstanding the above, the Agency shall not be relieved of liability to the Department for damages sustained by virtue of any breach of this Agreement by the Agency.

**D.24 How Agreement is Affected by Provisions Being Held Invalid:**

- a) If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected. In such an instance the remainder would then continue to conform to the terms and requirements of applicable law.

**D.25 Agreement Format:**

- a) All words used herein in the singular form shall extend to and include the plural. All words used in the plural form shall extend to and include the singular. All words used in any gender shall extend to and include all genders.

**D.26 Completeness:**

- a) This Agreement is complete and contains the entire understanding between the parties relating to the subject matter contained herein, including all the terms and conditions of the parties' agreement. This Agreement supersedes any and all prior understandings, representations, negotiations, and agreements between the parties relating hereto, whether written or oral.
- b) The Agency certifies, by its signature hereunder, that it has no contractual arrangement with a third party that will conflict with or negate this agreement in any manner whatsoever.

**D.27 Amendment:**

- a) This Agreement may be modified only by a written amendment, which has been executed and approved by the appropriate parties as indicated on the signature page of this Agreement.

**D.28 State Liability:**

- a) The Department shall have no liability except as specifically provided in this Agreement.

**D.29 Force Majeure:**

- a) The obligations of the parties to this Agreement are subject to prevention by causes beyond the parties' control that could not be avoided by the exercise of due care including, but not limited to, acts of God, riots, wars, strikes, epidemics or any other similar cause.

**D.30 Required Approvals:**

- a) The Department is not bound by this Agreement until it is approved by the appropriate State officials in accordance with applicable Tennessee State laws and regulations.

**D.31 Estimated Cost:**

This provision D.31 does not apply.

**D.32 Third Party Liability:**

- a) The Agency shall assume all liability for third-party claims and damages arising from the maintenance, existence, and use of the Project to the extent provided by Tennessee Law and subject to the provisions, terms and liability limits of the Governmental Tort Liability Act, TCA 29-20-101, et seq, and all applicable laws.

**D.33 Deposits:**

This provision D.33 does not apply.

**D.34 Department Activities:**

This provision D.34 does not apply.

**D.35 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Requirement:**

- a) If the herein described project is funded with Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds, this section D.35 shall apply.
  - 1) Whereas the Agency understands and agrees that the funding provided hereunder must be obligated with the Federal Highway Administration within three years from the date of this agreement. It is further agreed that once all requirements have been met for development of the project, the